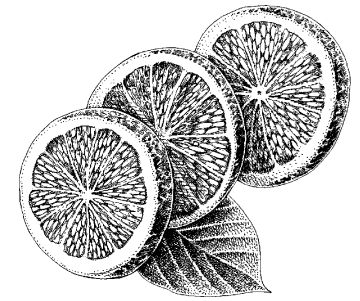




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May 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - May 16, 2007
Location Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Regular Monthly Schedule Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Menu: Game hen, wild rice, vegetables, salad, dessert. Speaker: Gary Goodman, Assistant Manager for the Sac-Yolo Mosquito and Vector district Topic: West Niles Virus

Free Golf Lessons

You see Ken, the whole secret here is to keep the cigar in one hand and the club in the other.....

.....because with the cigar in your mouth, the smoke makes it hard to keep your head down!



From Big and Little Sir

Big Sir says: Summer must almost be here and today felt like it. I believe the temperature got up to It was a good reminder that it is also time to think about our Ladies Day and Barbecue coming up in June. The date is going to be June 20th, so mark it on your calendar. Pat Andrews will be selling tickets at the meeting this month. The cost is the same as last year (\$10.00 per person). Be sure to get your tickets at the meeting so Pat has a good count when he goes out to purchase the food and liquid refreshment. Be sure to let him know, if you plan to attend, but cannot get your tickets at the May meeting.

Little Sir says: Just a quick reminder that our annual picnic is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there and having a great time!! For those of us on the golf course, remember the weather has gotten significantly warmer and we need to make sure to stay hydrated.

Recognizing a Stroke

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S* Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

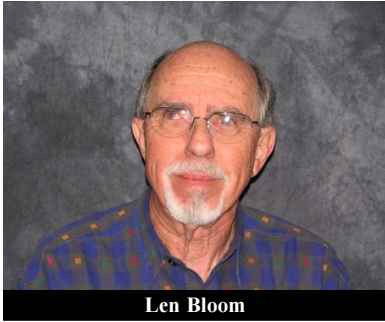
T* Ask the person to **TALK**, to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today).

R* Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Len Bloom

Len's parents came to this country from Russia (Dad) and Austria (Mom) and were living in Passaic, New Jersey, when Len was born. Dad ran a store that included a service unique to Prohibition. Individuals could make wine and beer for family consumption only. The store provided materials and keg/barrel storage for families. Then the depression hit. The family moved

to Brooklyn to be near other family members and Len was to stay in that area for roughly 30 years. He graduated from City College of New York with a degree in chemical engineering in 1950. (Hold on teachers, don't groan yet, there is more to be heard.) The Korean War was starting and Len went to work for the New York Naval Ship Yards testing electrical insulation materials.

Len's next stop was with Ideal Toy Company where his assignment gives him a shirttail claim as the great godfather of "Barbi." Ideal's doll line was headed by the Shirley Temple doll and Len was involved in the plastics used in her creation. He then became a department head over "vacuum plating." Very simply, this involves coating plastic or other base material with a thin metal coating. You'll need to talk to Len for more detail. The next few years involved leaving Ideal with two partners while staying in vacuum plating, and then affiliating with a larger company in the same field. At this point Len was assigned as a Plant Manger.

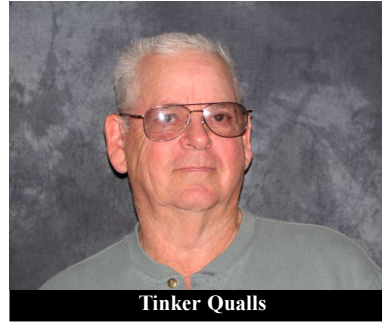
Things hummed along until 1962 when Len was contacted by some college buddies who told him to get out here to Sacramento because Aerojet was "hiring everybody." So Len packed up his family, now with three sons, and headed west. By the time Len got here his employee ID badge number was 21000+ and Aerojet was perhaps the major single private employer in the county. He went to work in Reliability and Quality Assurance and stayed with Aerojet until retiring in 1995. Initially Len remembers missing the "four seasons" and summer rains of New York, but soon concluded the winters were not too hateful. It really was nice not to have to change your shirt three times a day due to humidity over 80%.

You may have noted that Len does not normally take sides in the "occasional" teacher/engineer bantering of our meetings. That is because after arriving Len enrolled at Sacramento State at nights and received his Master's of Business Administration. In 1971 he accepted a teaching position at the university, an assignment he held concurrently with his day job at Aerojet until 1992. He taught in the School of Business initially teaching marketing, but moving to production management classes later in his part-time career.

Finding himself single again, Len met his wife Adrienne and they were married in 1975. With this union, Len is now both a grandfather and great grandfather. Two of his boys reside here and the third in Phoenix. Most of the rest of the extended family is here in the Sacramento area.

Adrienne and Len have traveled extensively since their retirement journeying to Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Portugal, and Costa Rica among other places. Next month they are going to Greece. Len's other hobbies include painting, both with oil and watercolors, photography and, with Adrienne, theatre attendance. Golf also remains a keen interest.

Following retirement Len worked as a volunteer with AARP to do taxes for seniors and almost immediately encountered John Means who introduced him to SIR in February 1996. Len is a previous Big Sir for Branch 150.



Tinker Qualls

Tinker was born in French Camp, a wide spot in the road south of Stockton. Both his parents worked for a time for a carnival which meant he moved around California, wintering in Los Angeles. For most of that time, he was the only child with the carnival and sort of "ran wild", getting into everything. The employees started calling him "tinker" because he was

interested in all facets of the carnival operation. And it stuck. Later on the family settled in Sacramento and Tinker graduated from McClatchy High School. His dad went to work at McClellan and mom worked at a (now extinct) W.T. Grants Department Store.

Following graduation Tinker joined the Marine Corp., was assigned to the 1st Division, 5th Regiment and headed for Korea in 1954. His Division was the last to qualify for the Korean Occupation Medal. He had several short assignments there, including Inchon. On return he was given west coast assignments including Treasure Island and NAS Moffett Field.

Following release, Tinker (now with two children) initially stayed in San Francisco, but soon relocated to Fair Oaks where he started as an apprentice printer with the world renowned San Juan Record. After awhile, now a single parent, Tinker convinced his boss's wife that help was needed and she should hire a lady named Shirley. The two became friends and then married. This resulted in a family of seven children. In 1965 they went to work at the Sacramento Bee within one month of each other, still in printing. Tinker and Shirley moved up to the Plymouth area in 1977.

In 1980, Tinker applied for, and obtained, a federal position at McClellan AFB as a sheet metal/fabrication worker (one of the skill's obtained by his early "tinkering"). This resulted in radar shelter construction. His unit was frequently assigned TDY. So Shirley and Tinker always drove to and from these locations in order to see a lot of America. Their travels also included out-of-country assignments such as England. Later, during the 1990's, large reductions in military facilities took place and McClellan was targeted for consolidation. Most positions were moved either to Tinker AFB in Oklahoma (would have been poetic) or to Hill AFB in Utah. Tinker determined that the time was right to take a different option. So, he retired in late 1999 rather than pack-up and move. Moving would have entailed separation from the rest of the family, who reside mostly in this area. Tinker and Shirley now have 17 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grandchildren. Can you imagine Thanksgiving Dinner for that horde?

Other than family, golf is at the center of Tinker and Shirley's world. They play two to three times (or even more sometimes) a week. They attend the SIR Carson City tournaments. Tinker has been Treasurer and President of the 45ers club at Cordova Golf Course and Shirley is a starter at Mather. It was the staff at Cordova that informed Tinker about SIR. He made a contact and joined Branch 107 but It was not as inclusive a group as Tinker had hoped. Playing couples Sunday golf with Skeeter and Darlene Reagan cured that and Tinker joined Branch 150 in August 2005. While distance from Plymouth keeps Tinker out of some of the Branch 150 "far north" tournaments, he considers our golf program to be a big improvement.

New Directory of Members

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, the new Branch 150 Directory of Members, in color, is complete and will be distributed free at the May meeting. To get your copy at the door, just check off your name and pick one up.

GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr at 922-6134 or his assistant Brent Soulis at 726-6326 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

Cordova Golf Course

Weekly Tournament Play

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month
Sign-up when you show up

End-of-Month Scramble

Every last Friday of the month
Prior sign-up required

2007 Away Tournaments

May 8th - The Reserve At Spanos Park

May 22nd - Rio La Paz

June 6th - Plumas Lake

June 19th - Wildhawk

July 10th - Dry Creek Ranch

July 24th - Ancil Hoffman

August 8th - Mace Meadow

August 21st - Mather

September 5th - Wild Wing

September 18th - Green Tree

October 9th - Bass Lake

October 22nd - Bing Maloney

November 5th - Alister Mackenzie

November 19th - Wildhawk

Poppy Hills Qualifier

Just a reminder to those who will be playing at Mather for the Poppy Hills qualifier on May 15th. When our Area 31 golf chairman Mike Navone lets me know what the starting times are for everyone, I will give everyone concerned an e-mail with the information.

Reserve - May 8th

I have 12 tee times at The Reserve on May 8th. That will make 3 groups of three. If anyone would like to fill one of those slots, please call Harold Doppelmayr 922-6134 before Sunday the 6th of May. I will be sending the pairing sheets to everyone Sunday evening.

FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Folsom Elks on the 2nd Friday at 8:00 AM. Wheels & Reels meet at Coco's Restaurant on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 AM. If you are a fisherman and want to enjoy like company, why not join us for breakfast.

For more information, contact Bob Bonner at 961-5403

"Jolly Hookers". The name accurately reflects the outlook and the sport. A fun affiliate of SIRS 150 and other SIR chapters in the Sacramento area. The next outing is fishing for kokanee and trout at New Melones Lake on Tuesday May first. The four day Shasta trip is May seventh through the tenth. Twenty people are signed up for this special annual outing. Fishing in our own boats and sleeping on house boats is great. We eat well, tell fish stories, and indulge in a libation or two, if desired. The next regular derby is May fifteenth at Folsom Lake. Yes, there are fish in Folsom Lake. Just have to find them. Come join in the fun. Fishing results of the catch will be announced at the May sixteenth meeting. No elasticity of the facts allowed. Bob Bonner, 150- Hooker person.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.

Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from jamesrae@earthlink.net.

At the April meeting we made the following membership changes:

Dropped Members: Tom Murray, Richard Rouseff, and Leon Vann
We now have 103 active and 14 inactive members for a total of 120.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

All SIR members are welcome to go on any trip with other branches when space is available. Put a little joy in your life traveling with your old and new friends on a SIR trip. A Branch 150 travel chairman is needed. If interested, contact Jerry Courter.

TRAVEL WITH BRANCH 33 & DALE

DALE MARTIN – 359-6121

dmartin@winfirst.com

Reno & Tahoe turnarounds lv CC Lanes @ 7:30
Local Indian Casino trips lv CC Lanes @ 9:30

OUR NEXT TRIPLE BAR DAY

SILVER LEGACY – RENO

Receive \$10 & \$5 food credit

MAY 18

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit.

Cost is \$25

JUN 15

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit.

Cost is \$25

SEP 18-23

Travel from Sacramento International. Spend 5 nights at the Branson Radisson (includes breakfast & dinner each day). See as many as 12 different shows.

Cost is \$1755

NOV 2-18

Enjoy 15 days touring Spain (begins in Madrid) & Portugal. Flyers will be at the travel table following approval.

Cost is \$3760

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BRIDGE NEWS

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman John Mahony at 485-2449

We had a very enjoyable session of Bridge with four tables of players. There were different high score winners but there still was a Bittner with top totals. Joan was followed by Jane Peterson, Leona and Art White. An old friend and former Bridge player, Bob O'Neal, stopped in to join in the game. Some players didn't get the cards they expected, but after all it's only a game and a great way to spend a day. Tom will be calling for May meeting since I will be out of town. May you all have good luck and good cards.

NOTICE

The Sir's annual picnic will be held June 20th again at the Folsom Park, 403 Stafford St. The cost will be \$10 per person and guests are welcome. This will be our June meeting. Social time will begin at 11:00 am with lunch served at 12 noon. Beer, pop, water will be provided along with hamburgers and hot dogs. All eating utensils are also provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Also bring a healthy appetite. Bingo and raffles will be a part of the festivities. Tickets will go on sale at the May meeting. For those who cannot make the meeting or make up their minds; ticket reservations can be made by contacting P.J. Andrews over the Internet at (pjandrews49@comcast.net). We need to know as soon as possible the numbers of attendees in order to procure the food and drink. A map of the picnic location will be published in the next newsletter. Looking forward to see everyone there this year.

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide correct solution will receive a prize at the next regular meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was solved first by **Pat Andrews**. Correct answers were also submitted by **Pete Eres, Bob Miller, Hen Huseman, Jim Rae, Harold Dopplemayr, and Mike Rumsey**.

Who won the baseball game?

The game was between the Giants and the A's. The Giants were first at bat. At the end of the eight inning neither team had scored. The final score at the end of the ninth was 5 to 2. Which team won? Justify your answer.

Solution to Last Issue

Nick & Jill Slick (3, 3) 6
 Tony & Kelly Baloney (8, 4) 12
 Ancil & April Hoffman (3, 1) 4
 Jack & Mary Sprat (8, 2) 10

Extra Credit

What can go up a chimney down, but cannot go down a chimney up?

..... golf lessons continued



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Honored Members

Past Big Sirs

- 1989 George Erkson *
- 1990 Jim Eastlund
- 1991 John Mahony
- 1992 Lou Parton *
- 1993 Ken Allard
- 1994 Ruel Smith
- 1995 Bill McCarthy *
- 1996 Tom Wirth *
- 1997 John Means
- 1998 Jim Delk
- 1999 Bob Smith
- 2000 Bob O'Neal
- 2001 Lou Joaquin *
- 2001 Joe Ramay
- 2002 Bob Trathen
- 2003 Jim Rae
- 2004 Len Bloom
- 2005 Don Severance
- 2006 Bob Carlstroem

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

- Jack Boyd 10-May
- Delbert Joseph T. 27-May

May 10th in History

- 1896:** The American transcontinental railroad is completed
- 1933:** Nazis burn 'un-German' books outside Berlin University
- 1994:** Nelson Mandela sworn in as the president of South Africa

May 27th in History

- 1930:** Widespread unrest in India after Gandhi's arrest
- 1940:** The evacuation of allied troops from Dunkirk, France, begins
- 1941:** The German battleship 'Bismark' is sunk off the coast of France
- 1952:** European Defense Community Treaty, establishing an EU army, signed
- 1990:** Poland holds its first free elections in over fifty years

Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Eastlund 2002

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PAYMENT FOR TRIPS AND TOURS: Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

ATTENDANCE: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** - A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings of the last twelve (12) luncheon meetings may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).